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SUBJ: OAU PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEVENTH SPECIAL UNGA SESSION

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1. ON MAY 21 DCM WYMAN DISCUSSED FORTHCOMING SPECIAL SESSION WITH OAU ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OSANYA-NYYNEQUE, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF OAU PREPARATIONS FOR THIS MEETING AND EXPECTS TO ATTEND IT. AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION WYMAN COVERED SOME OF POINTS SET FORTH IN REFTELS, EMPHASIZING US HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL APPROACH SESSION IN A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND AVOID THE HIGHLY UNSATISFACTORY ATMOSPHERE OF CONFRONTATION THAT CHARACTERIZED SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE ALSO MENTIONED USG'S VIEW THAT SESSION SHOULD NOT TACKLE TOO MANY BROAD SUBJECTS AND ITS CONVICTION THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON SPECIFIC DETAILS SHOULD BE LEFT TO MORE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS.

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2. NYNEQUE SAID THAT THE OAU HAD ALSO BEEN DISSATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION. MOST OF THE PROBLEMS HAD IN HIS OPINION ARISEN BECAUSE THE SESSION, SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE. IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT MUCH MORE ADVANCE PLANNING AND PREPARATION BE DONE FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION, AND THERE WAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT THIS. NYNEQUE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT TACKLING TOO MANY COMPLEX SUBJECTS AND OF REFERRING NEGOTIATION OF DETAILS TO OTHER FORA.

3. NYNEQUE INDICATED THAT THE OAU IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON PREPARATORY PAPERS DIVIDED INTO FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: RAW MATERIALS AND COMMODITY TRADE; AGRICULTURE, FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROBLEMS RELATED THERETO; TRANSFER OF RESOURCES; THE PROBLEMS OF LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; INDUSTRIALIZATION; TRANSFER FO TECHNOLOGY; INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THERE WAS THUS CONSIDERABLE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THESE TOPICS AND THOSE ON WHICH THE USG IS CONCENTRATING (REFTEL) EXCEPT FOR THE ADDITION OF THE CLOSELY RELATED SUBJECTS OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE OAU THOUGHT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION NOT TO CONSIDER THESE TWO TOPICS BECAUSE OF THE EXTENSIVE WORK WHICH HAD BEEN DONE ON THEM BY THE RECENT UNIDO CONFERENCE IN LIMA. NYNEQUE SAID THAT THE ECA IS PREPARING PAPERS ON THE SAME TOPICS WHICH WOULD PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS, WHEREAS THE OAU PAPERS WOULD PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS. THE PAPERS SHOULD BE READY BY THE END OF JUNE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE AFRICAN MEMBERS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH MEETS IN NEW YORK THAT MONTH.

4. NYNEQUE SAID THAT A DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN FORMED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OAU, ECA, THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE DAKAR-BASED INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PLANNING WHICH WILL SYNTHESIZE AND SUMMARIZE THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PREPARATORY PAPERS DONE BY THOSE FOUR INSTITUTIONS. THIS DRAFT WILL THEN BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION AT THE OAU SUMMIT MEETING IN KAMPALA IN JULY. WHEN QUERIED WHETHER HE THOUGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALGERIA MIGHT DOMINATE AFRICAN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION, NYNEQUE SAID THAT THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE DID NOT INCLUDE ANY ALGERIANS BUT THAT ALGERIA WOULD OF COURSE HAVE A CHANCE TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS AT KAMPALA. HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT ALGERIA WOULD DOMINATE THE SCENE AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION TO NEARLY THE EXTENT IT HAD AT THE RECENT LOMA CONFERENCE.

5. NYNEQUE SAID THE OAU IS PROPOSING THAT MINISTERS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARRIVE IN NEW YORK A WEEK BEFORE THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION SO THAT THEIR POSITIONS CAN BE FULLY COORDINATED.

6. WITH REGARD TO COMMODITY AGREEMENTS, NYNEQUE SAID THE OAU ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO WORLD-WIDE AGREEMENTS ON THE MAJOR COMMODITIES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE FOR ADEQUATE ACCESS TO MARKETS AND FOR PRICE STABILIZATION. HOWEVER, IF AGREEMENT OF THIS NATURE APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE, THAT OAU FALLBACK POSITION CALLS FOR THE ADOPTION OF COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS AMONGST THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE OPEC EXAMPLE, AND THE OAU IS ENDEAVORING TO DEMONSTRATE HOW MUCH ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT WORK. ALGERIA, ON THE OTHER HAND, STRONGLY PREFERS OPEC-TYPE ARRANGEMENTS.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, NYNEQUE INDICATED THAT THERE IS SOME DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ECA AND OAU. THE ECA WANTS IN GENERAL TO ACHIEVE LICENSING AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE LESS FINANCIALLY BURDENSOME FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE OAU ON THE OTHER HAND WOULD LIKE ARRANGEMENTS MADE PROVIDING FOR THE DIRECT TRANSFER, POSSIBLY AFTER TEN YEARS, OF FABRICATING TECHNOLOGY SO THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRY WILL BE ABLE THEREAFTER TO MANUFACTURE THE PRODUCT IN QUESTION WITHOUT FURTHER PAYMENTS.

8. THE EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO EXPLORE WITH OSANYA-NYNEQUE PR THE ECA ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED.
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